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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor: **Nabil L. Muhanna, M.D.**

Title: **INTERVERTEBRAL DISC PROSTHESIS AND METHODS OF IMPLANTATION**

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 4 sheets of drawings.
☐ An assignment of the invention to _____
☐ A certified copy of a _____ application.
☒ Declaration For Patent Application

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Application				\$740.00/\$370.00	\$ 370.00
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☐ Amend the specification by adding the following text after the title of the invention:
CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims the benefit of provisional application serial no. 60/262,974, dated January 17, 2001.

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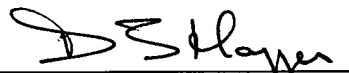
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Patent Application Transmittal
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Claims – 1-25
Abstract
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